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Party like it's 1999



In case your December calendar isn't already stuffed with family gatherings, office parties and Millenium bashes, here's one more chance for merriment. On Friday, December 17th, starting at 8pm, C'YA will be having its annual Christmas Party and Gag Gift Exchange. For those unfamiliar with the gag gift tradition, it works like this: Everyone who wants to participate brings a \$10 or under, wrapped gift. The selection usually ranges from nice to fun to, well... gag-worthy. Be creative. Participants will draw numbers and the first person will pick a gift. The second and subsequent people have the choice of either taking a new, wrapped gift or stealing one of the already open gifts. The one robbed then has the same choice... and so on... (three-theft per item limits will be strictly enforced to prevent the party from running until Christmas day). Bring your favorite Christmas calorie-laden goodies to share and join your C'YA friends for an evening of fun. The ocation will be John Sonderman's house. Sponsor: Larry Prikockis, 703-312-9463. Contact Larry for ideas on what to bring or if you can help setup/decorate.

Larry Prikockis and Steve Granata at
the CYA Halloween Party



Hike at Natural Chimneys in
southern virginia (from left
to right: Laura Barter, Mark
Alves, Jim Fetzer, Larry
Prikockis and Veronica Ong)

Do you have something you would like printed in The Dead C'YA Scroll? If so, then please call Colleen Brennan, or send it by e-mail to cyascroll@StCharlesChurch.org by **December 19**. Items may be edited for size, but we promise not to change anything too terribly much.

From the Chair:

I'm as guilty as the next Washingtonian for falling prey to the local sport of scheduling virtually every waking moment (and some sleeping moments) weeks or months into the future. I've never counted how many times in a day I complain to someone or to myself about "not having enough time", but I don't think it's a small number. And while "lack of time" seems to be a chronic condition, the frenetic holiday season draws even more attention to my lack of ability to be in multiple places simultaneously. But wait a second...

Isn't Christmas about remembering that one perfect moment where our eternal God stepped into our time-obsessed human world and sanctified *all* moments? And didn't Jesus himself say "Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself. Today has worries enough of its own" (Matthew 6:34). Likewise, my favorite author, Annie Dillard, quoting Paul Tillich on finding fulfillment, has written, "if it is not seen in the present, it cannot be seen at all." For that matter, even Yoda in the first Star Wars movie (remember that one?) chides Luke on always dreaming about faraway places and future times—and never concentrating on the here and now.

Maybe this holiday season, we could all challenge ourselves to live a little more in the present; to worry a little less about not having enough time and instead look for the joy and beauty in each moment (admittedly difficult when you're stuck in traffic at Tyson's Corner—but still possible). A quick glance at this month's C'YA calendar will give you lots of ideas for living in the here and now. How about a peaceful hour or so of meditation at our December 21st Taize prayer service? Or delivering a poinsettia and chatting with one of our homebound parishioners? Or spending an evening with your C'YA friends at our annual Christmas party on the 17th? You get the idea...

With Christmas peace,



p.s. In the *Parish Big Picture* category, some of you may have had the chance to attend the Town Hall meeting at the beginning of November where preliminary plans for our new parish center were discussed. For those who didn't attend, three possible scenarios were unveiled—each providing a large multi-purpose space and potentially, various other meeting areas. Lots of issues remain to be discussed before these dreams become reality and I'd encourage everyone in C'YA to stay in touch with the planning process (check out: <http://www.stcharleschurch.org/center/>). In fact, our own Angela Scanlon is helping to coordinate fund-raising efforts for the project so if you're looking for an idea for a large end of the year tax write-off... :-)

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website at:**

www.StCharlesChurch.org/cya

CD Sale Fundraiser

In early February C'YA will be hosting a Used CD sale as a fundraiser. Please note that a portion of the proceeds will be donated to a charitable group (i.e., Borromeo Housing, the Haiti Committee, etc.). Donation of CDs (but not cassettes or LPs) would be greatly appreciated. At the January planning meeting and at happy hours myself or a designated representative will be collecting used CDs. I will also be able to meet people at certain times to collect CDs.

The sale will be held in early February at the Church, after a set of Masses on a date to be determined. The sale is open to the public, rather than to C'YA exclusively. Any CDs not sold at the sale will be taken to CD Warehouse, Orpheus Records, and other stores that purchase used CDs to be resold.

Thank you for your generosity with any CDs that you do not listen to much anymore and would not miss. It really benefits the group as a whole, as well as the charitable organization we designate.

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World Youth Day 2000

While the members of C'YA typically represent the post-college through 30's+ crowd, we'd have to drop the "Y" out of our name before too long if we didn't also stay connected with the youth of our parish. Former WAY member (and future C'YA member?), Aby Riguera contributed the following youth update...

WYD2K— Are You in the Know?

No, this is not another prediction of impending 2000 doom. St. Charles is sending a group of about 17 youth to Rome for ten days next August, for World Youth Day 2000 (WYD2K). The cost of the trip is \$2500 per person and our goal is to raise \$25,000, about half the cost to send the whole group.

The trip isn't until August, so why the urgency? Due to the travel arrangements made by the Diocese, the parish must have all payments in by May. In terms of time, there seems to be plenty of it. In terms of funds, May will come all too soon. Of the \$25,000 we need to raise, we have only raised \$3,000.

Did you Rent-a-Teen this summer? Some of us are available for any chores you may still have, as Rent-a-Teen is an on-going fundraiser this year. If you would like to make arrangements, or have a fundraising suggestion, please call Anne Marie Kaufmann at the Parish Office (703-527-5500 x26). Payment is made on a donation basis, so please be fair and generous! Checks are made payable to St. Charles, and donations may be tax deductible (check with Anne Marie). Look for upcoming fundraisers and updates, here in the Scroll and in the parish Bulletin. Thank you for your prayers and support!